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October 25, 2002

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Council of Fresno County of Governments (COFCG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No.   Description

**2   Local Highway Element**

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program: The amendment deletes "Sunset Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility (MPO ID: FRE020109)" project and transfers funds to "Polk Street Bicycle Lane (MPO ID: FRE020107)" and "Monterey Avenue Paved Shoulders (MPO ID: FRE020108)" projects in the City of Coalinga.
- Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP): The amendment deletes "Lump Sum A/C Overlays On Various Eligible Routes (MPO ID: FRE020606)" and "Lump Sum Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities On Eligible Routes (MPO ID: FRE020607)" projects and programs all funds to a new project, "SR 33/198 Intersection Beautification Project (MPO ID: FRE020650)", in the City of Coalinga

See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 2 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are for information only.

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The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the COFCG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by COFCG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The COFCG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
JIM NICHOLAS**

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Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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DThompson - Local Assistance (w/enclosures)  
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HBuu - Federal Aid (w/enclosures)  
FTIP Binder (w/original)

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